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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to user interfaces and more specifically to
5 providing a unified user interface.

REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/122,998,
filed March 5, 1999, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
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BACKGROUND

User interfaces are an important aspect of software. A well designed and
implemented user interface can allow users to utilize a particular software product easily. A
poorly designed and implemented user interface prevents users from being able fully utilize
15 the functionality of a particular software product. Additionally, poorly designed user
interfaces can frustrate users and cause them to switch to a competing software product.
Therefore, a significant amount of time and money is spent in developing user interfaces for
software products.

Traditionally, software or software products were built monolithically. Groups of
20 developers working together joined their code together to make a single product. The general
features and characteristics of the user interface were determined in the early stages.

Newer software development is performed by developing software from various